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LETTER DATED 1 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTUGAL, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to forward herewith a joint statement of the observer countries to the Angolan peace process issued on 1 November 1994 in our respective capitals on the occasion of the initialling of the Lusaka Protocol.

We should be grateful if you could kindly arrange to have this statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

Statement dated 1 November 1994 by the observer countries to the Angolan peace process on the initialling of the Lusaka Protocol

Upon the initialling of the Lusaka Protocol, the observer countries to the Angolan peace process (Portugal, Russian Federation and United States of America) express their satisfaction that, following lengthy negotiations, political dialogue has triumphed over the force of arms in Angola. The Lusaka peace talks provide an eloquent example of international cooperation for peaceful conflict resolution.

The observer countries thank the Government of the Republic of Angola and the leadership of the Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), as well as their respective delegations, for their efforts throughout these negotiations and commend them for the commitment and determination with which they have met the deep aspirations of all Angolans for a just, durable and stable peace in Angola.

The observer countries consider the initialling of the Lusaka Protocol an important step towards national reconciliation and declare their readiness to continue to assist the parties to achieve a lasting peace.

The observer countries exhort the parties on an urgent basis to refrain from all hostile military activities and thereby establish the conditions of peace necessary to permit the rapid deployment of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II (UNAVEM II) to full strength as recently authorized by the United Nations Security Council.

The observer countries express confidence that the necessary conditions can be established to permit the rapid deployment of the peace-keeping force and call upon the international community to make every effort to advance implementation of the Lusaka Protocol.

The observer countries thank the United Nations Security Council and the Secretary-General of the United Nations for their close collaboration and exemplary support. The observer countries also praise the efforts of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Alioune Blondin Beye, without whose determined, intelligent and effective mediation the Lusaka Protocol would not have been possible.

The observer countries thank the Zambian authorities for their hospitality, as well as their efforts - together with those of various other countries of the subregion - which contributed at important moments in the negotiations.

Finally, the observer countries exhort the Government of Angola and the leadership of UNITA to fulfil understandings prior to the formal signature of the Lusaka Protocol to create a favourable climate for its full application.